



# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 17, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, cotton planting was 20 percent complete compared to 16 percent last year. Ninety percent of barley has been planted, 82 percent has emerged compared with 94 percent last year, and 13 percent has headed compared with 28 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good. Ninety-six percent of Durum wheat has emerged compared with 92 percent last year, and 10 percent has headed compared with 12 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Spring calving is underway and most reservoirs and dirt tanks are collecting run-off, with some of them spilling over in the Northeastern part of the State. In the North Central part of the State, soil moisture is helping forage growth, and in the Northwestern part of the State, green is appearing throughout the region and free water continues to flow in most watersheds. With several storms passing through the South Central part of the State, cooler soil temperatures have delayed cotton planting.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	90	83	NA	NA
Emerged .....	82	75	94	NA
Headed .....	13	10	28	NA
Cotton				
Planted .....	20	15	16	8
Durum wheat				
Emerged .....	96	84	92	NA
Headed .....	10	4	12	NA

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	--	1	1
Short .....	6	5	16	27
Adequate .....	86	89	80	65
Surplus .....	8	6	3	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	--	1	6
Short .....	7	6	16	19
Adequate .....	87	90	80	70
Surplus .....	6	4	3	5

NA – not available

(--) – zero

# CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	4	1	2	4
Fair.....	14	23	11	19
Good .....	67	68	70	44
Excellent .....	15	8	17	29
Barley				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	2
Fair.....	17	14	43	32
Good .....	77	83	47	49
Excellent .....	6	3	5	16
Durum wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	2	6	19	10
Good .....	89	86	68	56
Excellent .....	8	7	12	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	3	5	20	19
Poor.....	10	12	37	17
Fair.....	38	38	30	30
Good .....	45	36	13	29
Excellent .....	4	9	--	5

NA – not available

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